

Improving Student Success at UW-Milwaukee

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Our Unique, Threefold Mission

1. Providing access

2. Conducting research

3. Serving regional needs

Our Unique University

Median family income*

UW-Milwaukee	\$60,657
UW System	\$74,950
UW-Madison	\$99,018

*Among Fall 2011 undergraduates
applying for financial aid

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Pell-eligible students*

UW-Milwaukee 38%

UW System 34%

UW-Madison 17%

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Students enrolled from WI*

UW-Milwaukee 89%

UW System 77%

UW-Madison 57%

*Fall 2012 Preliminary Enrollment Reports,
UW System Office of Policy Analysis and Research

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Enrolled veterans*

UW-Milwaukee	1,024
UW-Madison	523
UW-Oshkosh	435
UW-Green Bay	336
UW-Stout	319

*Receiving benefits, Fall 2011

Peer Universities' 6-Year Graduation Rates, 2005 cohort

University of Texas – Dallas	61%
University of Illinois – Chicago	54
Georgia State University	47
University of Toledo	45
University of Missouri – Kansas City	43
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee	40
University of Akron	40
University of New Orleans	38
Portland State University	38
Cleveland State University	30
Wayne State University	26

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Jake Klipp, Class of 2012

- Started in 2000 while in Marine Corps Reserve
- Put education on hold for tour in Iraq
- After tour worked in bank for four years
- Returned to college; graduated last May
 - Proud owner of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu gym
 - Veteran cage fighter
 - Using UWM creating writing degree to freelance write for US Combat Sports



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UWM 6-Year Graduation Rate Improvement Goals

Fall 2011	40%
Fall 2012	42%
Fall 2017	50%

High-Impact Strategies

Focusing on scholarships

Building retention programs

Engaging students of color

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Focusing on scholarships

- Was major element of Campaign for UWM, 2006-08
- Will be focus of our upcoming “student first” comprehensive campaign

High-Impact Strategies

Building retention in last 5 years

- First-year transition courses (56% participation)
- Mentoring (3.8% to 67.5% participation)
- Supplemental instruction (2.9% to 25.2% participation)
- Tutoring (13.1% to 26% participation)

High-Impact Strategies

Building retention in last 5 years

- Living-Learning Communities (0% to 16.1% participation)
- Formal internships (44% participation)
- Service learning (27% participation)
- Undergraduate research (15% participation)

High-Impact Strategies

Engaging students of color

- Access to Success
- Specialized programs with corporations (Northwestern Mutual)
- Milwaukee Succeeds
- Milwaukee Partnership Academy
- Milwaukee Connected Community

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